

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 05, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, January 05, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest B. Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmen Jerry Patterson, Charles Smith, Joe Thallemer, Daniel Hampton, and George Clemens. Mayor Ernest Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Elaine Call, City Attorney Michael Valentine, Fire Chief Mike Rice, Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker, President of the WCDC Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan and Warsaw Times Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Councilman Kyle Babcock and Councilman Jeff Grose.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wiggins followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES –

The minutes from the December 15, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Clemens and carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS –

2009 ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT -

Councilman Thallemer opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Hampton nominated Joe Thallemer for Council President. This motion was seconded by Councilman Clemens. Councilman Hampton made the motion to close the nominations, seconded by Councilman Clemens. There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed. Council voted unanimously to elect Councilman Thallemer as Council President for the year 2009.

COUNCIL/MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS –

The following appointments were made by Council and Mayor.

- (1) Mayor Wiggins appointed Joe Thallemer and Charles Smith to the Board of Public Works and Safety.
- (2) Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to appoint Dan Hampton to serve as council representative on the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote.
- (3) Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to re-appoint Charles Smith and Rick Snodgrass to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote.
- (4) Mayor Wiggins reappointed Trish (Brown) Harrell, Savina Kralis and Tammy Rockey to the Redevelopment Commission. He appointed Kyle Babcock to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Warsaw Housing Authority. He appointed Joe Thallemer to the Aviation Board, Dan Hampton to the Park Board and Jeff Grose to the Cemetery Board.

DONNA PRATER/REQUEST FOR REDUCED MONTHLY SEWAGE PAYMENT –

Donna Prater was present to request she be allowed to pay the low-income reduced monthly sewage rate as she has in the past. She reported that her income exceeds the income level set by Council to be eligible. Discussion followed. Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to table this decision to be discussed again at the January 20th meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Documentation attached to minutes).

REPEAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY FROM THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES –

Ordinance #2009-01-01, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 2005-03-06 from the Warsaw City Code which is repealed by Ordinance 2008-12-03 was presented for approval. Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker recommended removing this from the Code pertaining to personnel policies. Discussion followed. Motion made by Councilman Clemens to table this ordinance to allow the City Attorney's review, seconded by Councilman Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote.

REPEAL OF TRAVEL POLICY –

Ordinance #2009-01-02, an ordinance repealing the travel policy and reference to travel policy from the City Code was presented for approval. Discussion followed. Councilman Hampton recommended setting this ordinance aside until Ordinance #2009-01-03 is acted upon. All were in agreement.

ADOPTION OF NEW TRAVEL POLICY –

Ordinance #2009-01-03, an ordinance adopting a new Travel Policy by placing an Appendix 5 to the Personnel Policy was presented for approval. Discussion followed pertaining to the change in reimbursement of parking fees and there being no mention of reimbursement for one day traveling reimbursement of travel expenses. The City Attorney Mike Valentine will review the ordinance for changes. It was agreed upon to table this ordinance.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CCI FUNDS –

Resolution #2009-01-01, a resolution that provides such funds in the amount of \$12,000 on deposit in the City's Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund may be transferred to its General Fund. Councilman Hampton pointed out the Indiana Code reference should be I.C. 6-7-1-31.1 (c) not (b). Motion made by Councilman Hampton to approve Resolution #2009-01-01 as corrected, seconded by Councilman Clemens, carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVE INVESTMENTS AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS –

Resolution #2009-01-02, a resolution approving authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to conduct the City's business and invest through the use of electronic funds transfers. Motion made by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution #2009-01-02, seconded by Councilman Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION/ FUND LOAN/ GENERAL BOND –

Resolution #2009-01-03, a resolution providing for temporary loan from the General Fund to General Bond Fund, more specifically set forth within the resolutions was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to approve the temporary loan, seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNED -

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Elaine Call, Clerk-Treasurer